

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Application No.: New US Patent Application

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For: MICROCHIP CONTROLLER BOARD AND MANUFACTURING METHOD

HEREOF

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3 and 4 as follows:

 (Amended) The microchip controller board according to claim 1, wherein the gap of the disconnected portion of said operating circuit pattern is 0.2 mm or less.

 (Amended) The microchip controller board according to claim 1, wherein a shape of the disconnected portion of said operating circuit pattern is formed into circularity.

Please add new claims 7-9 as follows:

--7. The microchip controller board according to claim 2, wherein

the gap of the disconnected portion of said operating circuit pattern is 0.2 mm or less.--

--8. The microchip controller board according to claim 2, wherein a shape of the disconnected portion of said operating circuit pattern is formed into circularity.--

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